

Janet Guptill MacLeod, 61



Janet Guptill MacLeod, age 61, of Plymouth passed away peacefully at home on Nov. 7 surrounded by her family. She fought a long and brave battle against cancer.

Janet was born in Lawrence, MA and grew up in North Andover, MA. She graduated from North Andover

High School and went on to Plymouth State College, where she graduated summa cum laude with a degree in early childhood education in 1977.

Janet was the daughter of Phyllis S. Guptill of Duxbury and the late Robert E. Guptill. She was married to Douglas D. MacLeod, and they recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Janet was the mother to Shelley D. MacLeod and mother-in-law to Jaime D. Bermudez and the proud grandmother to Avery Dawn Bermudez, born in 2015. Janet leaves her siblings Cynthia J. Desjardins and husband Ronald of Coventry, RI and Brian S. Guptill and his wife Ellen of Coral Springs, FL. She was sister-in-law of Duane MacLeod of Georgetown, ME and the late Joanne MacLeod. She was aunt to six nieces and nephews and their families.

Janet put her heart and soul into everything she did, especially into being a mother. She was involved in the Manomet Elementary School PTA when daughter Shelley was a student there and with the Girl Scouts. She was involved in the leadership of the Pilgrim Skating Club and with the Skating Club of Boston when Shelley became a figure skater.

Janet was a passionate teacher of young children. She worked with the Plymouth public schools and later was a lead pre-k teacher at Magic Dragon in Duxbury. She loved encouraging creativity and play in her students and preparing fun activities for them. She was always busy with hobbies. She especially loved creating thoughtful handmade gifts, cards, scrapbooks, and knitting projects. She was an exceptional shopper. Janet loved spending summer weekends at her family's camp on Little Island Pond in New Hampshire, playing board games and just being together with family. She will be missed greatly by her family and her many friends.

A Celebration of Life visitation will take place on Friday, Nov. 11, 2016 from 5-7 p.m. at the Davis Funeral and Cremation Home, 619 State Rd., Plymouth (Manomet). Burial will be private. Donations in her memory may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215-5450 or dana-farber.org. For online guestbook and directions, visit cartmelldavis.com.